

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A hermetically sealed four piece microwavable metallic container, comprising:

a metallic sidewall portion comprising a lower end and an upper end and which defines a height of at least about two inches;

5 a metallic lid which is sealingly interconnected to said upper end of said metallic sidewall portion;

a microwavable transparent bottom which is interconnected to said lower end of said metallic sidewall portion and has a surface area of at least about 1.25 square inches;

10 a metallic reinforcing member operably interconnected to a perimeter edge of said microwavable transparent bottom and a lower end of said metallic sidewall portion, wherein a hermetic seal is created, while permitting microwave energy to pass through at least a central portion of said microwave transparent bottom.

*distinct from said metallic sidewall and*

21. Cancelled.

22. (Original) The metallic container of Claim 20, further comprising a sealing material positioned in contact with said hermetic seal.

23. (Original) The four piece metallic container of Claim 20, wherein said reinforcing member, said microwavable transparent bottom and said lower end of said sidewall are seamed in a cross-sectional configuration which has at least five distinct layers.

24. (Cancelled)